

A B S T R A C T

A METHOD OF DETECTING A PRINTABLE SURFACE

5 A method of processing postal articles in which a
physical magnitude is measured in order to detect (2)
whether the outside surface of a postal article is made
of a plastics material, and in which a digital image of
said outside surface of the postal article is processed
10 in order to detect (3) whether said surface has a noisy
background. On the basis of the results of these two
detection operations, it is determined (4) whether the
outside surface of said postal article is a printable
surface or a non-printable surface.

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